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Ms. Kimberly Staiger
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Re: Jewett White Lead Site

Dear Ms. Staiger:

I am writing to offer my comments on the Environmental Protection Agency's Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA) for the 2000-2012 Richmond Terrace property portion of the Jewett White Lead Site. On behalf of my constituents in New York's 13<sup>th</sup> Congressional District I would like to thank you for the thorough examination of this site and your continued outreach to the elected officials of this community and affected residents in the Staten Island community.

A representative of my office attended the March 16<sup>th</sup> meetings, for elected officials and a public meeting, which were held to present the summary of the EE/CA and to solicit public comment. Based on the information presented at that meeting, and the response of the community, I would like to express my support for the EPA's recommendation of a preferred response action (Alternative 2) to excavate the soil at the site and conduct off-site disposal/treatment. Clearly this response will offer a permanent solution to the existing situation and remedy any future concerns regarding public health at this specific site while not precluding any future utilizations of the site.

Again, I would like to thank your agency for your ongoing commitment to this project and I look forward to offering my support in the implementation of a program to ensure the public health of this community. If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact my office's District Director, William J. Smith, at (718) 351-1602.

Sincerely,

Michael G. Grimm

Member of Congress

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